

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Jari SIRVIÖ et al

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Application No. 10/500,056

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Examiner:
Jesus D. Sotelo

For: ARRANGEMENT FOR
STEERING A WATER-CRAFT

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to draw attention to the documents listed on the accompanying information disclosure statement. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

The accompanying documents have been cited in oppositions that have been filed against the corresponding European patent application. For ease of reference, a copy of the claims of the European patent application against which the documents have been cited, is also submitted herewith.

The publication CA 2373462 A1 has been cited against EP claims 6 and 7, corresponding to the U.S. claims 14 and 15, and the publication WO 98/07620 has been cited against EP claim 3, corresponding to U.S. claim 10.

The date of publication of the document KAMEWA Rotatable Thruster is unknown. The citing party has asserted that the document was published in 1980 based on the notation M1 80-E on the last page.

The opponent in one of the oppositions cited Oshima et al, already of record in this application, and provided a

partial English translation of that document. A copy of the partial English translation is enclosed.

DE 3303554 discloses a ship provided with a main propeller 5 and a rotary thruster 8. It appears from the drawings that DE 3303554 is no more pertinent than the documents already considered in this case. It is evident from the drawings that the document does not disclose a RoRo vessel with a cargo space in the aft region of the vessel.

Pursuant to MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner should initial the information disclosure statement to confirm that each document has been considered, and return a copy of the form to the undersigned with the next Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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